

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicant sincerely thanks Examiners Colan and Truong for the courtesy shown in conducting a telephonic interview with Applicant's agent, Robert G. Hartman, on January 31, 2007.

During the interview, Applicant's agent submitted differences between U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2003/0177388 to Botz et al. (hereinafter, "Botz") and the claimed subject matter. Nevertheless, in the interest of expediting allowance of the application and without conceding the propriety of the Office's rejections, Applicant's agent proposed to amend the independent claims to further describe features of Applicant's claims. Applicant's agent understood both Examiners to agree that such amendments would at least result in the claims being deemed allowable over the references of record. Examiner Colan also indicated that she would need to update his search.

Accordingly, the independents claims have been amended as discussed during the interview. Applicant once again thanks both Examiners for their time and insight. Applicant also encourages Examiner Colan to contact Applicant's agent, if Applicant's agent can in any way help advance prosecution of this matter.